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Sunday Lunch

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It sounds again like cannon shots, huh? Then, of course, silence descends on you.

I don't have much to say. It's a very dangerous point, because it is really the point where I still have a helluva lot to say. But I know, I'm starting to find now that I shouldn't go to Seattle, or that I should stay here a little longer, and of course I can't. I'm getting into your Group a little more, and it's very useful for me. So I'll have to condense as much as I can in the few moments that I will be here on Wednesday evening and Thursday.

Wednesday evening we will have a Group in San Francisco, regular Group III. I will be back from Seattle in time; and I will try to make that questions and answers, if it is possible; and at the same time see where you meet, and how the nucleus is, because I haven't seen very much of them. Then Thursday we'll be here. Then Thursday afternoon, instead of the Movements, this

meeting for Activities is in place of Movements. So, it does not mean that the people of the Movements can come to that meeting. As I've said before, it is special purpose for certain people only. I don't want to exclude those who have a real interest in Activities, who might then start Activities, or join in some way or other.

Let me explain acti--activities just for a minute. When I am interested in the maintenance of this Work, and I want to try to find out in relation to Work, what I can do in the outside world, I can start an Activity of my own. It doesn't matter anything at all, not in any way whatsoever, if I make candles, or matchsticks, or paste pieces of paper together and sell them as an -- as an idea, or perhaps even for my own benefit. In any event, I make things, and I am in contact with the outside world for the sake of finding out how Conscious I am. That for me is the definition of an Activity. And it can be one man; it sometimes can be half a man. And it can be fifteen all together. They can even be a Group, but it is necessary that people become active. And there is no better place to be active regarding your own Work on yourself than by means of doing something that you want to do, even for your daily life and earn money.

If you can then maintain, partly by having a place with others who are also active. The kitchen is an Activity. The different things that you do here can lead to Activities. Maybe you want to set up a house painting job. Whatever it is, if you can earn enough money, so that you can pay for your own existence, and then add a little bit to that so-called profit and give it away,

that is the nine percent. If, on the other hand, there is money in the front and you need a little, it can go to an Activity as an investment. You pay that back when you make profit, when it is flourishing. Ten percent usually would be repayment over a certain length of time; not being bothered by the bank, and not paying any interest; but only paying it when you can afford it. This way you become part, because you notice it in your pocketbook. It is a sacrifice for the sake of the maintenance of Work at a certain level.

Don't be too limited in the idea of an Activity. They will give you tremendous amount of impetus. We have over thirty different kind of Activities in Warwick. And there are some people who want to stay by themselves, and of course, I let them. And gradually they say, "I would like to have the name Chardavogne added to my Activity." There we have a letterhead, including Chardavogne Fixit, or whatever it is called. It gives an impetus to people who want to become a part of something - not that they are joiners in the regular, let's say like a Kiwanis Club. This has a meaning, and you must not limit yourself to such meanings, because they could become very meaningful. Even if you have not much of a chance to talk about it mutually, you should still feel and wish that you could do it. Then there is aliveness.

That's really all I want to say, because we will have that little talk on Thursday. Tomorrow I'll be in Seattle, and Thursday evening Group I again. What will we talk about? If you want to, you can ask questions. You can talk and talk about it as a discussion. It's not that I want to keep on giving little lectures.

Let's have things out in the open; let's straighten them out.

We have had -- you have had here a meeting for complaints, a general meeting. Have them again. Get it off your chest. What do you think is wrong? What could be changed? Talk about it, so that if it is not changed, perhaps you know why. We keep meetings like that in New York, in the Barn. Everybody comes on such a-- n such an evening. We do talk. I'm not there, thank God, otherwise they wouldn't talk, you know. Don't be afraid when you are among yourselves. You just let off steam, and then you have clarity. After that you know what you want. And also, when you know what you don't want, you can act in accordance with that.

Don't hide your light under a bushel. Let it be open. Give it enough fresh air and sunshine, and till the soil in which you plant new ideas for a Group, for working together, for cooperation. In the end, in the porosity of the soil you will find that the plant will blossom; and growing up like all plants will, growing towards the Sun, and turning their face towards the Sun, you will be reminded that the aim, for each person; in Activities or out; in the Group or even outside of a Group; in inner Life and in outer life; constantly should be, it will, this Group ( ) it is a will when it is a relation between Consciousness and Conscience, a will definitely to become a Man and to see what he can do for the glory of God. Try that. See it. Use it. Apply it. It will make you healthy.

So, to your future. To your work together, all of you, no one excluded. Have a good afternoon.

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